

## A TRUE BEAR STORY.

Where the Hunter Was Scared and Ran the Other Way.

"The avalanche of 'bear stories' which have fallen upon a bewildered public since the day the president penetrated the cane brakes of Mississippi," said Walter Brevort, of Boston, to a Washington Starman. "New Willard, 'testifies to the utility of the American mind in reconstructing a time-honored and well worn theme with new habiliments as to time and place."

"Upon analysis of the regulation bear story which is told over and over again, sometimes to the extent of several columns, all are alike in the essential features of exhibiting the brave hunter's titanic prowess, the unusual size and phenomenal fierceness of the animal, and in the final victory of the gallant but modest hunter over poor brute. They seldom deviate, except as to such minor details that while one hunter chased his bear eighty-three and one-third miles around a high mountain upon a dead run from start to finish, the next hunter met his 3,450 pound grizzly face to face upon a narrow ledge overlooking a precipice, with a sheer descent of 10,000 feet, and hurled the wretched grizzly into the dark depths below with one blow from his powerful fist. Some hunters vary the formula by swearing that they used their bowie knives, while still others are weak enough to hint that they may have shot the bear with an explosive bullet from a high-power rifle at a good safe range.

"However, I will tell you a bear story which will have the novelty of truth, not that we would for a moment doubt the stories of great deeds with bars of the other fellows. I fancy that the true version of most of these stories lies along similar lines. "It was my first bear hunt in the woods of Maine. I had a guide, a brando new bear rifle, bowie knife, hatchet, and hunting suit complete, from heavy waterproof boots to a canvas hat. With such an outfit any story about bear killing ought not to be disputed by reasonable men who can tell a real live bear from a jack-pot.

"I became separated from my guide and was making my way back to camp about five miles from the thick forest. I was dog tired. I wasn't thinking about bears, hedgehogs or anything else, except my sweetheart, and was counting the days when I would get back to civilization. My 'complete hunting outfit' hadn't attracted so much as a baby wildcat, and I was beginning to dimly realize that the great bear stories I had heard at home and the club, after all, were nothing but elastic stretches of well-cultivated and fertile imagination.

"I had just made up my mind that my fiancée would be better pleased with a sunburst than with a ring, when I heard a noise up a big oak tree under which I was passing, which sounded to my unaccustomed ears like eighteen tons of brick falling a mile upon a tin roof. I glanced up, and there was a big black bear as large and threatening as a thunder cloud in a squall. He was falling down from the top of the tree limb by limb, humpty-bumpty, directly upon my head.

"Did I pause, gracefully and skillfully raise my trusty rifle and shoot off both ears and each paw with separate shots while he was yet in the air, as a trick marksman hits glass balls? That is what I ought to have done, according to the regulation bear story. But I didn't. I was too amazed to move, and gawked up at that bear as a countryman looks into a city window. Down he came like a flash of black lightning, grunting, snarling, growling and whining. Before I could dodge he landed upon me and sent me spinning about 30 feet, while he rolled over and over like a huge rubber ball.

"Run? Gee whiz, but you ought to have seen us scamper off in opposite directions, I toward the camp, and the bear toward a deep creek. Death on a white horse could not have caught me. I lost my rifle, bowie knife, canvas hat and hatchet, and never did find them, though the guide and I the next day went over the wide speedway I had cut through the underbrush in my mad flight.

"The bear had been caught by a lot of wild bees stealing honey out of their hive in the giant oak, and their furious attacks and the pain from the stings caused him to let go his grip and to come down, crashing through the branches like a cyclone.

"When a man now tells me about 'killing bears,' I tell him my own actual experience, and I am glad to say for the veracity of our sex that he is man enough usually to crawl and pay for the drinks."

## FAVORITE NOVELS.

Fiction Which Has the Stamp of Approval of Famous Novelists.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is generous and candid enough to declare that he finds almost as much pleasure in reading a good novel as in writing one; and his tastes lie chiefly in the direction of fiction of past generations. "If you ask me to name the novel which in my opinion is without a rival," he says, "I should without hesitation say 'The Cloister and the Hearth,' a story which, long as it is, has genius on every page of it. The second place I should award to Scott, his 'Ivanhoe' for choice; and among recent works of fiction Barrie's books have given me most pleasure."

Of the last generation of story writers, says London Tit-Bits, there was perhaps no better critic than James Payn, who divided his allegiance equally between Scott, Dickens and Thackeray. "To my mind 'Ivanhoe,'" he once said, "is the greatest novel in our language and one that will live the longest; but it has a formidable rival in 'Vanity Fair,' and perhaps in 'David Copperfield' and 'Martin Chuzzlewit.'"

The late Sir Walter Besant always found a fresh charm in "Lorna Doone," which he considered quite the best novel of his time. He had also a great admiration for Hardy's "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" and Meredith's "Richard Feverel," indeed, with the single exception of "Lorna Doone," Sir Walter, like so many excellent judges, held that Meredith is head and shoulders greater than any recent writer of fiction.

Mr. Meredith, however, while admiring Sir Walter Besant's books, awards the palm among his rivals to Thomas Hardy, many of whose books, such as "Far from the Madding Crowd" and "Under the Greenwood Tree," he finds unforgettably delightful. Of the giants who are gone he holds Scott, Thackeray and Dickens unapproachable.

Mr. G. A. Henty, the author of so many charming stories for old and young, admits that among all the books of modern writers that have given him pleasure he is most indebted to "Lorna Doone." Mr. Rider Haggard among living writers admires none more than Mr. Stanley Weyman, whose "Gentleman of France" he considers a masterpiece of fiction. He is also a great admirer of Conan Doyle, and considers that that clever and popular story teller has never written anything to equal "The White Company," a verdict which Sir Arthur himself indorses.

Miss Marie Corelli confesses a liking for Marion Crawford's Italian stories. She places the author of "Doctor Claudius" at the head of present-day story tellers; but her real heroes in fiction are George Eliot and Charlotte Bronte, Scott and Dickens.

Edna Lyall has a similar affection for Dickens, whose "David Copperfield" she knows from cover to cover. Scott's novels she loves, especially "Rob Roy;" and among other books which hold a high place in her regard are "Silas Marner," "Esmond," and Mrs. Gaskell's "Cranford."

Mr. Christie Murray says he has spent his happiest reading hours with Charles Reade's "Cloister and the Hearth," but in very close rivalry he places "David Copperfield" and "Ivanhoe," while he pleads guilty to an affection for "Tom Jones." Mr. George Gissing's favorite authors are Charlotte Bronte, Meredith and Thomas Hardy, in the order named; and of all their works he loves best "Villette," "Richard Feverel," and "The Return of the Native;" and the late Mr. R. L. Stevenson, whose taste in fiction was as indisputable as his gift of writing it, placed Scott at the head of his favorite novelists, with "Guy Mannering," "Red Gauntlet," and "Rob Roy" as his best stories, and of later works of fiction he had the highest opinion of Thackeray's "Esmond" and George Meredith's "Richard Feverel."

## The Illusionary "O."

A firm which was sued at the Westminster county court for the price of a sign defended the case on the ground that the "O" in their name was smaller than the other letters. It was proved by measurement, however, that it was a sixteenth of an inch larger, allowance having been made for the fact that, owing to an optical illusion, the letter "O" always looks smaller than the neighboring letters. Judgment was given for the sign makers.

## Aged Lifeboatmen.

At Winterton, near Yarmouth, England, there are three brothers, William, Henry and Charles Powles, aged 77, 80 and 82, who are still members of the lifeboat crew.

## DIRECTORY

### TERMS OF COURT

**CIRCUIT COURT.**  
Convenes in Lexington, first Mondays in April, August and December.

In Hagiaville, first Mondays in March and September.

Judge—Samuel Davis, Marshall; clerk—J. H. Campbell, Lexington; Stenographer—James L. Roberts, Marshall.

**CRIMINAL COURT.**  
Convenes in Lexington, second Mondays in February, June and October.

In Marshall (Saline Co.) second Mondays in March, July and November.

Judge—John A. Rich, Slater; Clerk—J. H. Campbell, Lexington; Stenographer—J. L. Roberts, Marshall.

**PHOBIATE COURT.**  
Convenes second Mondays in February, May, August and November.

Judge—James P. China

**COUNTY COURT.**  
Convenes first Mondays in each month, PRESIDING JUDGE—P. W. Osborn.

JUDGE WESTERN DISTRICT—J. H. Green. JUDGE EASTERN DISTRICT—J. B. Hagood. CLERK—Frank Thornton.

**LEXINGTON CITY OFFICERS.**  
Mayor—Oswald Winkler.

Marshal and Collector—Jas. N. Price. Attorney—H. C. Wallace.

Recorder—John M. Owen. Register and Treasurer—Jacob Fegert.

Assessor—William Aull. Engineer—William C. Duncan.

**COUNCILMEN.**  
1st Ward—Thos. Rosewall and A. E. James.

2d Ward—Geo. Schawne and Geo. A. Venable. 3d Ward—Edward Aull and Wm. S. Marrs.

4th Ward—Chas. Mayer and Wilson Young. City Council, regular session, second Monday in each month.

**STANDING COMMITTEES.**  
Finance—Aull, Marrs, and Venable.

Claims—Mayer, Rosewall and Young. Improvement—Schawne, Aull and Mayer.

Ordinance—Marrs, James and Schawne. Electric Light—Venable, Young and Rosewall.

Waterworks—Schawne, Rosewall and Aull. Schools—Young, James and Mayer.

Supplies—Marrs, Venable and James. Streets and Alleys—James, Marrs and Schawne.

Judiciary—Aull, Venable and Mayer. Ways and Means—Rosewall, James and Young.

Sewer—Rosewall, Aull and Schawne.

**BOARD OF HEALTH.**  
Dr. G. W. Frendendall, E. P. Nicholson, Councilman Mayer, Dr. J. J. Fulkerson, Jesse G. Greenhaw, Councilman Marrs, Dr. C. T. Ryland, James Peck, Sr., Councilman Schawne, Dr. J. H. Stranghan, John T. Bush, Councilman James.

**FIRE BOARD.**  
Councilman Mayer, Councilman Rosewall, Councilman Marrs, Councilman Venable.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL DIRECTORS.**  
Joseph L. Long, B. T. Wiley, B. T. John, Geo. P. Venable, Albert Winkler, Thomas J. Bandson.

**LAFAYETTE COUNTY OFFICERS.**  
Representative—Joseph B. Shelby.

County Court—P. Walker Osborn, Presiding Judge; Associate Judges—Western District, J. B. Green; Eastern District, J. B. Hagood.

Probate Judge—James P. China. Circuit Clerk—J. H. Campbell.

County Clerk—Frank Thornton. Recorder of Deeds—Clem Tyree.

Prosecuting Attorney—Horace P. Blackwell. Treasurer—Wm. H. Edwards.

Collector—J. J. Fulkerson. Sheriff—Oscar Thomas.

Surveyor—Benj. D. Weedon. Assessor—George W. Marquis.

Public Administrator—M. D. Wilson. Coroner—Dr. Wm. B. Weedon.

School Commissioner—Joseph Kuehls. Constable—Charles S. Mitchell.

**JUDGES OF THE PEACE.**  
Pearl R. Smith, T. J. Dilling and Lewis Neale, at Lexington.

**POST OFFICE.**  
Postmaster—J. M. Crowder.

Deputies—George Taylor, John Taubman, Jr., Miss Minnie Kling.

**CHURCHES.**  
First Baptist, corner 12th and Main; services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Chas. Manly, pastor.

Catholic, corner 15th and Main; daily services at 7:30 a. m.; Sunday services at 8:00 and 10:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m., except last Sunday in month. Rev. D. M. Costello, pastor.

South Street Christian, between 15th and 16th; services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m. B. D. Briney, pastor.

Christ church, Episcopal—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; morning service at 11 a. m. and evening service at 7:30 p. m. every other Sunday; holy communion with the first Sunday of the month. Rev. J. K. Dunn, pastor.

German Evangelical Trinity church 13th between Main and Franklin. Regular Sunday morning service at 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Rev. D. Buchmuller, pastor.

Methodist, corner 13th and South Streets, services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; prayer meetings every Wednesday evening. Rev. J. C. Given, pastor.

German Methodist church, corner 12th and South streets. Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 a. m.; public services at 10:30 a. m. and every alternate Sunday at 7 p. m.; prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7:40 p. m. All are cordially invited. H. A. Hohenwald, pastor.

Presbyterian church, corner 10th and Franklin avenue. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Dr. E. C. Gordon, pastor.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. in Meng building; Sunday school 11:30 a. m. All cordially invited.

**SECRET SOCIETIES.**  
MASONRY.

Lexington Lodge, No. 149, A. F. & A. M. Third Monday in each month.

Henry Binauer, W. M. H. W. Winsor, secretary.

Royal Arch Chapter, No. 10—First Monday in each month.

Fred Wilson, H. P. H. W. Winsor, Secretary.

DeMolay Commandery, No. 3, K. T.—Fourth Monday in each month.

Oscar Andreen, Eminent Commander. H. W. Winsor, Secretary.

**L. O. O. F.**  
Orion Lodge, No. 43—2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.

S. P. Coen, C. P. Iukaes Encampment, No. 6—4th Monday in each month.

J. P. Coen, G. J. P. O. G. Ludwig, scribe.

Gutterburg Lodge, No. 223—1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month.

H. D. Gaiser, Noble Grand. O. G. Ludwig, Secretary.

**A. O. U. W.**  
Lexington Legion, No. 103, Select Knights, and Harmony Lodge, No. 87, A. O. U. W.—Second and Fourth Thursdays in each month.

H. G. Gaiser, M. W. F. C. T. Brightwell, Recorder.

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.**  
Lexington Lodge, No. 157 K. P. meets every Thursday night at their hall in Krieha building. Sojourning knights cordially invited.

Thomas Wedge, C. C. Elias Spruce, K. of R. and S.

**ELKS.**  
Lexington Lodge, B. P. O. E. No. 742—Meets regular on the 2nd and 4th Friday nights in each month at their home, corner Main and 8th streets. Home open at all times.

J. P. China, Exalted Ruler. S. B. Thornton, Secretary.

**RAGLER.**  
Lexington Aerle, F. O. E. No. 243—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at K of P hall.

Louis Gratz, Worthy President. Ernest Fegert, Secretary.

**ANCIENT ORDER OF PYRAMIDS.**  
Meets every Friday night in each month.

M. Cahill, N. P. W. W. Curtis, R. P. R.

**G. A. R.**  
Mulligan Post, No. 11—Meets every 1st and 3rd Friday nights at their hall at 10th and Main streets.

M. I. Studdard, Commander. John B. Burris, Adjutant.

**U. D. C.**  
Meets 1st Wednesday in each month at the homes of the members.

Miss Stephen N. Wilson, President. Mrs. J. H. Campbell, Secretary.

**BOSS OF VETERANS.**  
Meets first Monday night in each month in G. A. R. hall.

George J. Taylor, Captain. D. D. Gwinner, 1st Sergeant.

**WOODMEN.**  
Lexington Camp, No. 129 Woodmen of the World meets 1st and 3rd Monday nights in each month.

Pearl R. Smith, Consul Commander. Fred Hix, Clerk.

**MACAMERS.**  
Has an organization but no regular meeting time or place.

Frank Nicholson, President. John Schofield, Secretary.

**TURNERS.**  
Meet at Turner's Hall once per week. Julius Winkler, president.

C. H. Schaefermeyer, Secretary.

## TIME TABLES

**Missouri Pacific—Lexington Br.**

**WEST-BOUND TRAINS.**

Leave St. Louis..... No. 71. 7:35 am 10:10 pm

Arrive Sedalia..... No. 72. 8:30 pm 5:30 am

" Concordia..... 4:40 pm 6:35 am

" Agulville..... 4:57 pm 6:48 am

" Higginsville..... 5:08 pm 7:00 am

" Lexington..... 5:15 pm 7:05 am

" Myrick..... 5:25 pm 7:10 am

" Wellington..... 5:38 pm 7:22 am

" Waterloo..... 5:58 pm 7:30 am

" Napoleon..... 6:00 pm 7:35 am

" Independence..... 7:00 pm 8:35 am

" Kansas City..... 7:30 pm 9:25 am

" St. Joseph..... 11:14 pm

**DAILY.**

**EAST-BOUND TRAINS.**

Leave St. Joe..... No. 14. 2:35 pm No. 12. 2:35 pm

" Kansas City..... 6:35 pm 6:05 am

" Independence..... 6:07 pm 6:33 am

" Waterloo..... 7:01 pm 7:17 am

" Napoleon..... 7:05 pm 7:21 am

" Wellington..... 7:12 pm 7:28 am

" Myrick..... 7:24 pm 7:40 am

" Lexington..... 7:31 pm 7:45 am

" Page City..... 7:50 pm 8:05 am

" Higginsville..... 8:00 pm 8:11 am

" Agulville..... 8:10 pm 8:21 am

" Concordia..... 8:27 pm 8:38 am

" Sedalia..... 9:45 pm 9:50 am

" St. Louis..... 7:10 am 6:30 pm

Special rates to Kansas City every Saturday evening and Sunday.

**JEFFERSON CITY, BOONVILLE AND LEXINGTON DIVISION.**

**DAILY.**

No. 16. Leave. No. 15. Arrive.

7:10 am..... Lexington..... 6:05 pm

7:40 am..... Myrick..... 5:45 pm

7:51 am..... Northrup..... 5:35 pm

8:04 am..... Dover..... 5:20 pm

8:13 am..... Dodge..... 5:10 pm

8:24 am..... Waverly..... 5:00 pm

9:12 am..... Marshall..... 4:00 pm

10:20 am..... Boonville..... 3:00 pm

Read down. Read up.

**SANTA FE ROUTE.**

Trains arrive at North Lexington.

No. 25 (daily)..... 8:25 a. m.

Trains leave North Lexington:

No. 26, Express (daily)..... 8:30 a. m.

Main line trains pass Lexington Junction.

The river bus leaves Lexington 7:40 a. m.

daily to connect with train at north Lexington.

Leaves Lexington daily except Sunday at 9:30 a. m. and 3:00 p. m. and goes through to connect with trains at Lexington Junction.

**GOING EAST.**

No. 3, (daily)..... 7:15 p. m.

" 4, "..... 3:47 a. m.

" 5, "..... 8:05 p. m.

" 6, "..... 9:28 a. m.

" 9, "..... 8:30 a. m.

**GOING WEST.**

No. 1, " (daily)..... 8:50 a. m.

" 8, "..... 7:09 a. m.

" 6, "..... 6:30 a. m.

" 7, "..... 12:32 p. m.

" 10, "..... 4:07 p. m.

W. J. Black, G. P. A., Topeka, Kas.

**C. & A. Time Table—Higginsville.**

**EAST BOUND.**

No. 14, Missouri State Express..... 9:50 am

No. 20, Slater Accommodation..... 7:02 pm

No. 10, Calif. and Colo. Limited..... 7:10 pm

No. 12, Slater Accom. (Sunday only)..... 9:50 pm

No. 13, St. Louis West. Limited..... 10:30 pm

No. 16, Way Freight..... 11:35 am

**WEST BOUND.**

No. 7, Calif. and Colo. Limited..... 9:11 am

No. 6, Slater Accommodation..... 9:50 am

No. 11, E. C. Vestibule